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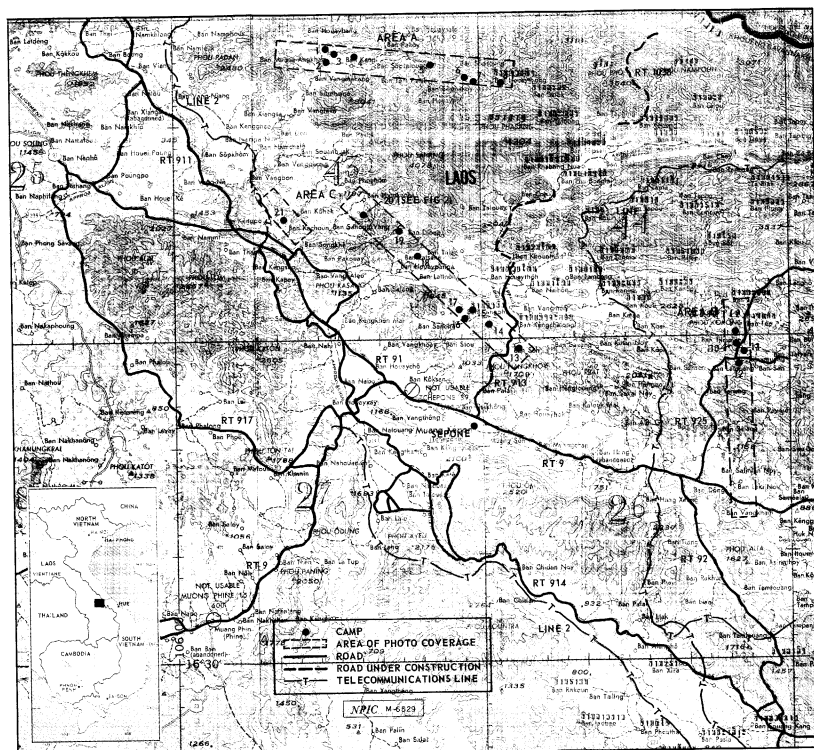


FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATOR MAP

CAMP	BUILDING COUNT	UTM COORDINATES
AREA A		
1	55	XD197770
2	7	XD200769
3	2	XD196762
4	3	XD203767
5	2	XD202770
6	25 (6 roofs twin-gabled)	XD222762
7	4	XD218765
8	4	XD289756
9	20	XD317748
10	19	XD324745
11	4	XD348743
AREA B		
12	21*	XD558525
13	(10 ucon)	
14	5*	XD560516
15	2	XD559514
16	14*	XD562505
17	4	XD560504
18	3*	XD565509
19	2**	XD562508
20	1	XD562506
21	9	XD562503
AREA C		
22	15	XD367513
23	13	XD335535
24	15	XD327549
25	8	XD319546
26	10 (ucon)	XD314553
27	24	XD273590
28	10	XD256612
29	40	XD228629
30	17	XD162624

* buildings/bunkers

** probable storage bunkers

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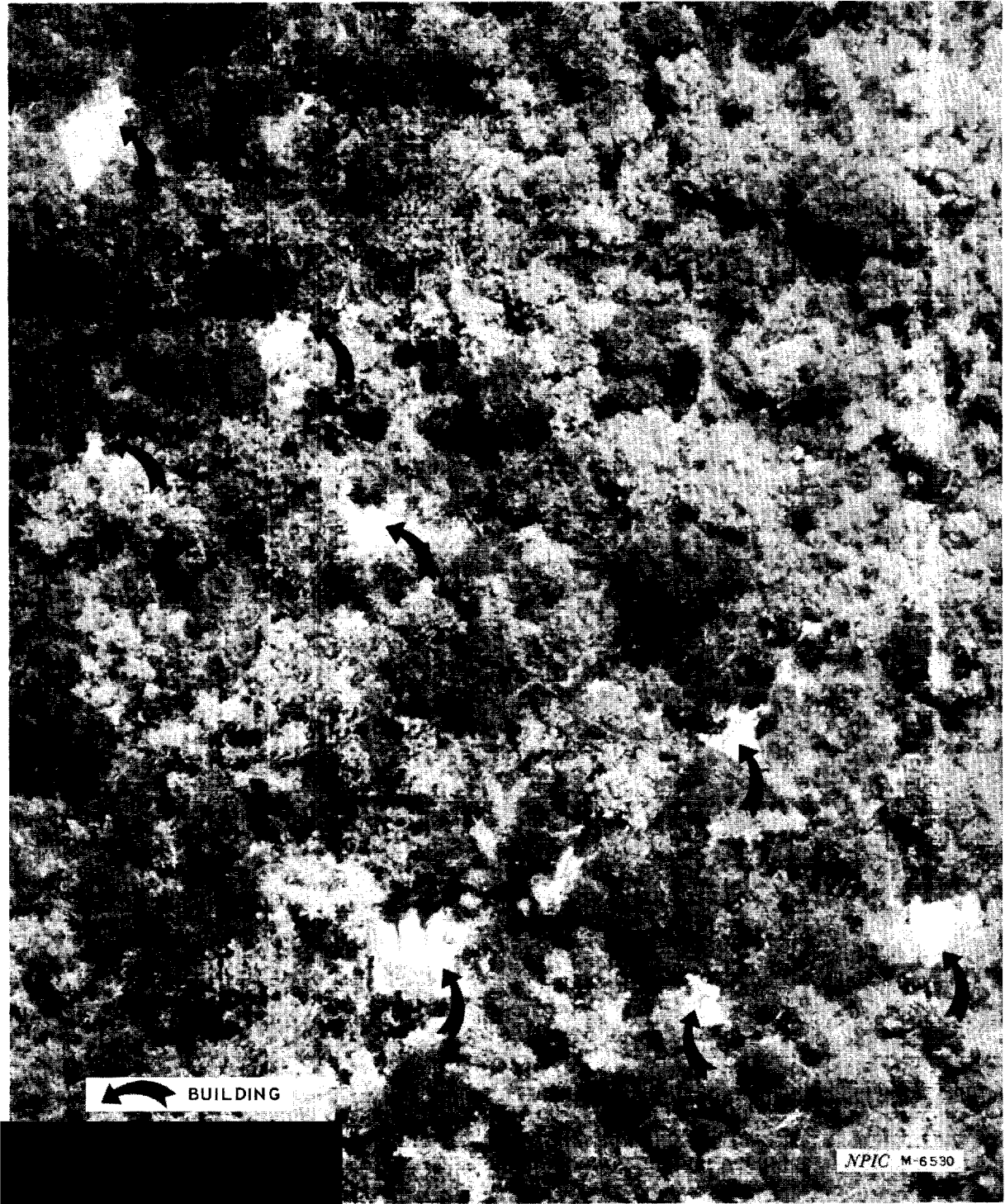
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Enemy camps, consisting of hundreds of buildings and bunkers dispersed in heavily forested areas, continue to be identified in insurgent areas of the Laotian panhandle (Figure 1). Photography of mid-to-late [REDACTED] reveals numerous camps and storage buildings north and east of Sepone similar to those recently identified along Laos Routes 92 and 922.*

The Sepone region is a well-established Communist base area that was especially active during the siege of Khe Sanh in 1968. More than 350 newly identified buildings, dispersed throughout 21 enemy camps, are located in three main areas, none of which has apparently been subjected to airstrikes prior to the time of the photography. The number of buildings identified represents only a partial count due to the heavy tree canopy and the limited format of available photography. Other camps probably exist in the several other river valleys and low-lying areas around Sepone. Heavy ground scarring and well-used trails are evident near the camps and storage buildings.

Area A contains eight camps with at least 145 partially concealed buildings generally along the Nam Sangi stream. Area B has four camps with at least 61 buildings near Route 925. The area also contains several stacks of unidentified supplies. Some of the buildings in this area are partially underground with typical roofs and could be termed either buildings or bunkers. Area C contains 152 buildings in nine camps, averaging 17 buildings per camp. Figure 2 depicts a typical camp and shows eight of the 40 buildings in Camp 20.

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FIGURE 2. CAMP 20, SEPONE AREA, LAOS

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